MINUTES

—OF THE—

Fifty-Fifth Annual Session

—OF THE—

Mt. Pisgah Baptist

ASSOCIATION;

—HELD WITH—

«Mt. Pleasant Church,»

NEWTON CO., MISS.

September 17th, 18th and 19th, 1892.

OFFICERS.

ELD. N. L. CLARKE, Moderator.....Newton, Miss.

ELD. JAS. E. CHAPMAN, Clerk.....Newton, Miss

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Report of the Committee on the State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence with the Churches.

DEAR BRETHREN, MEMBERS OF THE MT. PISGAH ASSOCIATION:—

God in his gracious providence has favored us again to meet as an Association, and this time with Mt. Pleasant Church, Newton Co., Miss., which is the fifty-fifth annual session of the body. Surely, our meeting this year was greatly encouraging, the state of the weather has been very pleasant, and our reception most cordial and our support hearty and abundant. We have word from all the churches of the Association, and all reported in peace and a reasonable state of prosperity, with about the usual number of baptisms. All the churches have had preaching. There is great evidence of union and oneness in our plans of work and great harmony has prevailed in our deliberations. We are satisfied that the preaching has been faithful and profitable. We think the ministers and churches of the Association are impressed with the importance of more doctrinal preaching among the churches, that our people may be sound in the faith, that our distinctive principles may be more fully understood by our memberships and others among whom we live, that it should be line upon line, precept upon precept, &c.

Your committee thank God for the evidences we have that the truth is gaining under our labors and that error is yielding before its power like darkness before the light. Beloved brethren, let us not forget the importance of our relation to the cause of Christ, our privileges and duties; yea, our solemn vows made to God. "Like priest-like people," is a religious aphorism. As our our people are taught, so will be their doctrinal status. How careful then should we be with regard to setting forth and training our ministry. No one should be set forth while a novice, nor should we lay hands suddenly upon any man. How great the blessing bestowed on the churches in a faithful ministry. It is the gift of God bestowed upon them; then the churches should honor and sustain them. Brethren, let us labor to maintain the independence of the churches, their purity, their security. Let us not allow water sprouts to grow out of them to suck away their strength. As Baptist Young People's Christian Unions, Christian Association, or separate organizations for women's work, let us honor our godly women and recognize their power to work; but let us work as of old, all in the same organization. The church is good enough.

J. R. PACE, N. L. CLARKE, Ch'm.
R. A. LAIRD, B. W. DEARING,
D. C. PAYNE, J. D. HERRINGTON.
W. L. ROBINSON, J. M. HUTSON,
H. W. LAIRD, J. M. MOORE.

Proceedings of Mt. Pisgah Association.

MT PLEASANT CHURCH,
NEWTON CO., MISS., SEPT. 17, 92.

FIRST DAY.--MORNING.

The Mt. Pisgah Association convened this day in her annual session for the year 1892, with Mt. Pleasant Church, Newton County, Miss., this being the fifty-fifth session of this body.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. T. I. Wells from Romans, 3rd chapter, 24th verse. Text: "Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." The sermon was considered to be sound bible doctrine.

EVENING SESSION.

After an intermission of about an hour, with an abundance of refreshments on the grounds for all, the Moderator called the Association to order, when prayer was offered by Elder J. M. Miller.

Brethren A. J. Freeman, J. M. Moore and R. W. Walton were appointed to read letters. Brethren N. J. Johnson, W. D. Still and L. A. Davis as committee on finance.

Letters were then called for, read, and the delegates names enrolled.

The Association, by motion, agreed to elect officers by acclamation, when the old officers were re-elected, Eld. N. L. Clarke, Moderator; Jas. E. Chapman, Clerk; J. E. Graham, treasurer.

Eld. J. L. Blanks was appointed to preach at the stand.

Visiting ministers invited to seats with us.

Petitionary letters called for. None presented.

Correspondence from sister Associations was called for, when a letter from the New Liberty Association was presented and read.

The following committees were then appointed by the Moderator:

On Preaching.—T. I. Wells, J. R. Pace, W. J. Bruner, J. D. McCord and the deacons of Mt. Pleasant Church.

Missions.—J. M. Moore, T. M. Goulde, J. A. Scott, D. S. Phillips, E. N. Robinson.

Queries and Requests.—J. J. Ingram, J. M. Hutson, J. H. Stamper, J. E. Graham, J. A. White.

Nominations.—A. W. W. Grafton, R. W. Walton, A. M. Smith, B. W. Sansing, D. P. Whatley

Temperance.—J. E. Chapman, W. M. Yarbrough, J. M. Caldwell, H. Bruce, A. J. Freeman.

Publications.—J. W. Arnold. E. S. Edwards, J. S. Ball, T. I. Wells.

Sunday Schools.—B. W. Dearing, J. M. Miller, D. M. Stroud, J. A. White, Joe Rushing.

Education.—A. J. Freeman, L. A. Davis, W. D. Still.

On State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence with the Churches.—B. W. Dearing, J. D. Herrington, J. M. Hutson, J. R. Pace, R. A. Laird, D. C. Payne, W. L. Robinson, H W. Laird, J. M. Moore.

On motion, the Moderator, N. L. Clarke, was added.

Obituaries, (Special).—A. J. Freeman J. E. Chapman, J. M. Miller, J. R. Pace, J M. Hutson.

On motion, the Moderator was added.

It was agreed to take up a collection for mission work at the close of the morning Sabbath services.

Report of Committee on Preaching.—J. C. Foster to preach at eleven o'clock on Sabbath morning, and in case of failure J. E. Chapman to fill the hour. J. M. Moore at two in the afternoon. J. J Ingram Sunday night, and B. W. Dearing at eleven on Monday Elder A. J. Freeman to conduct prayer meeting exercises at half past nine, Sunday morning

Brother S. W. Germany was excused from further attendance.

Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock, Monday morning.

LORD'S DAY SERVICES.

The congregation was very large and order admirable. At half past nine prayer meeting was organized and conducted by Elder A. J. Freeman, followed by brethren Clarke and Freeman in advocacy of the claims of the Mississippi Baptist.

Eld. J. C. Foster, the appointee to preach the annual sermon on missions, not being present, that place was filled by Elder J. E. Chapman, alternate. Text, Matthew 28th chapter, 19th and 20th verses. Theme: The purposes of God carried out through the Gospel. The sermon was scriptural, timely and able, and was listened to with much interest, after which a liberal collec-

tion, for the times, was taken up for Foreign, Domestic and Indian Missions. In the evening, after an abundant dinner for all, Elder J M. Moore preached. Text: 1st Corinthians, 15th chapter, 3rd verse. Theme: The death of Christ necessary for our salvation according to the Scriptures. The sermon was scriptural, instructive and comforting. From the number of people present, the character of the preaching and the attention given, we are led to hope that much good will result from the labors of the day. Elder J. J. Ingram preached at the church at night. His sermon was good and well listened to, and a good interest manifested at the close.

SECOND DAY.--MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

After singing an appropriate hymn and prayer by Bro. D. C. Payne, the Moderator called the Association to order and business taken up. The roll was called and the delegates responded. The objects and powers and rules of decorum were then read by the clerk at the request of the Moderator.

Renewed the call for correspondence, when E M. Laird and W. C. Gresscll from Okitbbeha, and J. W. Tucker from Bethlehem Associations, were received as messengers from their bodies.

Corresponding messengers appointed:

Harmony Association —J. J. Ingram, T. I. Wells, A. W. W. Grafton.

Oktibbeha. —J. V. Parker, J. M. Miller.

Salem.—M. W. Langham.

Bethlehem.—T. I. Wells, J. M. Moore, W. P. Vaughn.

Mt. Olive.—T. M. Gould. Joe Rushing.

New Liberty —B. W. Dearing, A. J. Freeman.

Resolved, That our messengers to sister Associations are hereby authorized and requested to write their own letters and sign the Moderator's and Clerk's names thereto.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Obituaries (Special).—The report was read and after feeling and appropriate remarks by a number of brethren were made, it was unanimously adopted. Appendix A.

Missions.—The report read and motion made to adopt, when interesting speeches were made by Elders A. J. Freeman, N. L. Clarke, T. I. Wells and others, after which it was unanimously adopted. Appendix B.

Queries and Requests.— Report read and adopted, after which Union Church was selected as the place to meet in annual session for 1893. Appendix C.

Adjourned one hour for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The house called to order and reports of committees continued.

Sabbath Schools.—Report read, discussed and adopted. Appendix D.

Finance.—The report was read and adopted. Appendix E.

Temperance.—Report read, and after an instructive speech by A. J. Freeman, was unanimously adopted. Appendix F.

Publications.—Report of committee read, discussed at some length and adopted. Appendix G.

State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence with the Churches—The report read and adopted. See first page.

Education.—Report read and adopted. Appendix H.

Nominations.—Report read and adopted. Appendix I.

The following brethren were appointed delegates to the General Association of Mississippi: A. J. Freeman, J. E. Chapman, B. W. Dearing, J. A. Johnson, W. R. Smith, T. M. Gould, W. P. Vaughn, D. M. Stroud, D. T. Chapman, J. M. Porter, I. H. Brown, B. W. Sansing, J. M. Moore, T. I. Wells, J. J. Ingram, A. F. Lindley, N. L Clarke, R. A. Laird, D. H. Lee, A. M. Smith, J. D. Herrington, J. A. Brown, N. T. Johnston, L. A. Davis, T. C. Viverett.

RESOLUTIONS.

1st. To amend first section on church order.

Resolved 4th, That the pastors and delegates of this Association be requested to stir up their churches on the subject of missions and urge them to send up funds to the General Association.

Resolved 5th, That our secretary be authorized to have the minutes printed where he can get them most neatly and promptly done, paying for the same when so done, and he approves the work; and that he distribute them to the churches as soon as possible, drawing on the treasurer for his usual salary, printer's fee and postage, reserving a number for correspondence.

Resolved 6th, All funds remaining in the hands of the Treasurer, after all expenses have been met, shall be sent up to the General Association

Resolved 7th, That we most cheerfully tender our thanks to Mt. Pleasant Church and community for their generous support of this body during the meeting.

Resolved 8th, That we now adjourn to meet with Union Church, Newton Co., Miss., on Saturday before the 3rd Lord's day in September, 1893.

While singing one of the sweet old songs of Zion, the parting hand was given in much tenderness. Closing prayer by Elder A. J. Freeman, thus closing a very pleasant and harmonious session of this Association.

ELD. N. L. CLARKE,
Moderator.

JAS. E. CHAPMAN,
Clerk.

APPENDICES.

A--IN MEMORIAM.

Your special Committee on Obituaries make the following report:

N. L. CLARKE, Ch'm.

B—MISSIONS.

Your committee on missions report:

The work of missions is the most important work committed to the churches of Christ on earth. In fact, this is the main purpose for which the church is organized; and when a church fails to discharge this duty according to its ability, it forfeits its right to existence, and such churches generally soon die out. The prosperity and success of the churches depend upon the faithful discharge of this duty. How can the churches hope for success in disobedience to their great Head and Founder. We should ever remember that the very last recorded words of our Savior to his wandering disciples just before he was parted from them was to enjoin the work of missions upon his followers This is his last law to his churches: "Go preach the gospel to every creature," and the promise, "Lo, I am with you always even to the end of the world," proves that this work is never to cease while the world stands. He promises to be with us going, not in refusing to go. The world needs the gospel today as badly as

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and of His Christ.

J. M. MOORE,
Ch'm

C.—QUERIES and REQUESTS.

We, your committee, submit the following: We find no queries, but five requests for your next session to be held with them, to-wit: Union, Decatur, Sulphur Springs, Beulah and Pleasant Hill. We would submit Union and Decatur for the Association to choose from.

J J INGRAM.

NOTE—Union was the place selected for the next annual meeting of the Association.

CLERK.

D.—SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee submit the following report:

The great importance of the Sabbath School is evidently disregarded by the majority of our churches. The Bible is the foundation of God's dealing with man, and the mind well instructed in Biblical truths has advantages of those that hath it not. The Sabbath Schools are available for imparting that instruction. Baptists have the best literature in the world, as they

have the true principles of God s Word, and we believe that they read and circulate it. It will make them better Baptists, better Christians and better men and women. We would recommend as appropriate Baptist literature for our schools, the Bible Baptist books and tracts, and the series of Sunday School literature as published by the Southern Baptist Convention and The American Baptist Publication Society.

Respectfully submitted.

B. W. DEARING, Ch'm.

E.—FINANCE.

Your Committee respectfully submit the following report:

We have examined the Treasurer's report and find he has received $166.80 and disbursed $163.50, leaving a balance on hand of $3.30.

The following amounts were sent up by the churches:

For Associational Purposes	$ 97 80
" Domestic Missions	3 80
" Indian Missions	2 05
" Foreign Missions	12 70
Total	$116 35

COLLECTED LORD'S DAY.

For Domestic Missions	$ 7 70
" Indian Missions	3 91
" Foreign Missions	10 70
Collected on Monday for Foreign Missions	3 75
Grand Total	$142 41

N. T. JOHNSTON, Ch'm.

F.—TEMPERANCE

Your Committee would submit the following:

The subject is one of great importance to our churches, both individually and collectively. No argument is needed to prove its benefits to our churches and country at large and it is with pleasure that we can point to the changed condition of things since the removal of the saloon from our midst. Since that curse against our God, His Cause and humanity, has been removed, we feel that the spiritualiy of our people has increased and morality improved all along the line. It is with sadness that we have to say, some of our members yet claim it as their

privilege to take a social drink, and continue to use it as a beverage, forgetting the influence they are having over others for harm and the effect it is having on themselves. It will grow upon them and may end in their ruin. Let us continue to raise our voices against the sin and curse of drunkardness, which makes wives widows, children orphans, and brings poverty, shame, misery and degradation to the drunkard's family, and at last fills a drunkard's grave and a drunkard's hell.

In view of all such facts, let us stand unitedly opposed to every thing that leads to that curse against humanity. We call upon our people to enforce the existing laws against the dram shop traffic, for our God will hold us responsible for their enforcement according to our ability.

Submitted,

J. E. CHAPMAN, Ch'm.

G.—PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee recognize the value of sound religious newspapers, not in place of the Scriptures, but as a means of educating in, and defending the doctrine thereof, as well as imparting needful information in regard to the progress of the cause of Christ. There are some such papers published in our State. among them we would recommend, first, The Mississippi Baptist, published at Newton, to our people to take and read; also, The Baptist Record, published at Meridian; also, The Foreign Mission Journal should be circulated among us in order that we may know what is needed abroad. For Sabbath Schools we recommend Kind Words.

J. W. ARNOLD, Ch'mn.

H—EDUCATION.

Your committee on Education submit the following:

We are gratified to note the progress education is making in our country. Schools of a high grade are in various parts of our country, which are generally well attended. It is not necessary now to send our children to distant places to secure an education. The public school system, though not perfect, is doing great good. They are so ramified over the country that no child need go without the rudiments of an education. This is as it should be, for upon the proper training of our children depends the hope of our country in the future. We would recommend Mississippi College under the control of the Baptists at Clinton, as a college well worthy of our patronage.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FREEMAN.

I—ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on nominations would respectfully recommend that Elder B. W. Dearing preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Elder J. W. Arnold be his alternate and Elder J. C. Foster the next annual sermon on Missions, and Elder A. J. Freeman be his alternate

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. W. GRAFTON, Chairman.

Form of Letter for the Benefit of Clerks of Churches.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.
NEWTON COUNTY.

WE, the regular Baptist Church of Christ at....., to the Mt. Pisgah Association in annual session for 189.....:

DEAR BRETHREN:—We have chosen our beloved brethren .....to represent us in your annual meeting with.....as alternates.

Our statistics are as follows:

Baptized	.....	Restored	.....
Received by Letter	.....	Excluded	.....
Dismissed	.....	Number of Minutes	.....
Dead	.....	Associational Fund	.....
Males	.....	Time of Meeting	.....
Females	.....	Church's P. O	.....
Total	.....		.....

Ordained Ministers and their P. O. .....

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Licentiates and their P. O. .....

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Add such information as you want the Association to have, such as queries and requests.

Brethren pray for us, and may the God of all grace be with, guide and bless you in all your deliberations.

Adopted by the Church in conference..... 189...

.....Moderator.

.....C. C.

Ordained Ministers and their Post-Offices.

N. L. Clarke	Newton, Miss.
H. Bruce	Decatur, "
B. W. Dearing	Newton, "
Jas. E. Chapman	Newton, "
L. B. Fancher	House, "
E. N. Robinson	Lawrence, "
A. J. Smith	Mt. Rose, "
J. C. Ford	Harperville, "
W. P. Vaughn	Chunky, "
J. M. Hutson	Steele, "
J. W. Arnold	Stamper, "
J. C. Foster	Harperville, "
J. J. Ingram	Dixon, "
A. J. Freeman	Newton, "
J. M. Moore	Union, "
J. K. P. Showes	Union, "
S. J. Tullos	Edinburg, "
H. O. White	Shealey, "
T. M. Gould	Lake, "
T. I. Wells	Moore's Mill "
J. M. Miller	Canehatta "

LICENTIATES AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

D. C. Payne	Union, Miss.
T. J. Williams	Decatur, "
D. M. Stroud	Hickory, "
R. K. Cleveland	Union, "
Joe Rushing	Harperville, "
J. L. Rhodes	Hope, "
C. C. White	Hope, "
W. G. Everett	Hickory, "
Wm. M. Yarbrough	Newton, "
D. G. Phillips	Newton, "
J. V. Parker	Hope, "
J. T. Bryan	Steele, "

ABSTRACT OF FAITH.—Preamble.

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

1 We believe in one Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2 We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3 We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him, all his posterity; in consequence of which, we inherit a fallen and depraved nature, consequently the scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4 We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love, that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world, that he calleth them with a holy and effectual calling and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—the Man Christ Jesus—who by the satisfaction he made to the law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by his most precious blood, become the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

6. We believe that the gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth—that he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, and requires all men to repent, believe and obey.

7. We believe that the gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved, must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of persons who have been baptized upon a profession of their faith, and who have given themselves to the Lord, and to one another in brotherly covenant to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the teachings of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only head and Lawgiver of his church; that the government is with the body, the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until his second coming.

4. We believe that the Ordinance of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God, and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of regular Baptist Ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only, is Baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to the Ordinances of the gospel and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrine contrary to the Scriptures.

OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

.1 This Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body, and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and, therefore this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrine, or tolerate immoral practice.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the churches, and remove them if possible; to give the churches the best advice they can in difficult matters, when solicited, and, in general, to advance the interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom in any way they may deem practical.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every association, of every church, of every individual member of a church, to support them, according to their own views of duty and dictates of their own conscience: and the right shall never be called in question in this association. And any motion whereby this right is called in question shall be instantly ruled out by the moderator, as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5. Ministers of the gospel, in good standing, though not delegates may be invited to seats in the association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all monies which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association may form their own By-Laws, and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they may think expedient.

RULES OF DECORUM,

1. This Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled the Mt. Pisgah Association.

2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no members under church censure, shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters, certifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased, during the preceeding associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Associationmay direct.

4. This Association shall have a moderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding asso-

cation, until a new election takes place, and while in office, shall discharge the duties ordinarily incidental to those offices.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and, if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates and no more until her number shall exceed one hundred—three, until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty, then four and no more.

7. The Association shall neither answer or debate any query on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association except withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motions made and lost, shall not be recorded on the minutes, unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at the same time who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflection on the Association, or any member thereof and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than once upon the same subject till all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege, and not then without leave of the Association.

13. The moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.

14. The moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the moderator shall vote as other members when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the association, and if not then decided, the moderator shall proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the moderator; subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over whenever necessary.

20. The minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the moderator and clerk, before the Association rise.

21. A motion of final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

23. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read by order from the moderator, as soon as the Association convenes on Monday.

24. The forgoing articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment, at any regular meeting of the Association by a majority of the Association.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST-OFFICES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Males.	Females.	Colored.	Total Number.	No. Minutes.	Associational Fund	Dom. Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Indian Missions.	Time of Meeting.	Licentiates.	Ordained Ministers.	PASTORS.
County Line	Neshoba	Union	B. W. Sansing, M. W. Langham	3	2	...	7	...	2	19	36	...	55	20	$ 2 00	$ ...	$ ...	$ ...	4	...	...	G. W. Breland
Concord	Jasper	Garlandsville	J. M. Jay	...	...	...	2	...	...	7	15	...	22	10	1 00	...	...	...	3	...	...	B. W. Dearing
Cross Roads	Newton	Decatur	T. H. Stamper, H. Bruce	1	1	...	4	...	2	19	22	...	41	20	2 00	...	...	...	4	...	1	J. M. Moore
Center Ridge	Newton	Moore's Mill	W. S. Mosely, J. P. Pucket	2	1	...	...	...	...	13	15	...	28	15	1 50	...	...	...	3	...	...	T. I. Wells
Bethlehem	Newton	Union	G. W. Germany	...	1	...	...	...	1	16	23	...	39	15	1 50	...	...	...	2	...	...	J. M. Moore
Bethel	Newton	Newton	B. W. Dearing, J. E. Chapman, D. G. Phillips	14	7	...	7	1	...	37	69	...	106	30	3 00	...	...	...	3	1	2	J. E. Chapman
Bethel	Neshoba	House	B. M. Fancher, S. D. Chesney	3	5	...	2	...	...	20	27	...	47	20	2 35	...	...	...	2	...	1	L. B. Fancher
Bethany	Neshoba	Hope	J. M. Porter	...	...	...	3	...	...	16	16	...	32	12	1 25	...	1 85	1 05	1	1	1	S. J. Tullos
Beulah	Newton	Shealy	J. W. Williams, J. E. Graham, W. H. Harrison	4	8	1	6	1	4	90	110	2	202	50	5 00	...	...	...	4	...	1	H. O. White
Decatur	Newton	Decatur	N. L. Clarke, N. L. Johnston, R. A. Laird, T. L. Gaviss.	4	5	...	1	...	1	62	95	17	174	70	6 00	...	...	...	2	1	1	N. L. Clarke
Enon	Neshoba	Smith's	W. J. Smith, J. V. Parker	2	9	...	14	1	1	18	27	...	45	15	1 80	...	...	...	1	2	...	W. H. J. Cape
Ebenezer	Neshoba	Beech Springs	J. P. Brantly, W. M. Thomas	...	...	...	1	...	...	18	26	...	44	15	2 00	...	...	...	2	...	...	
Ebenezer	Newton	Lawrence	E. N. Robinson	...	...	...	1	...	...	21	43	...	64	10	1 00	...	...	...	3	...	2	A. J. Smith
Good Hope	Newton	Hickory	D. M. Stroud, S. W. Monroe	4	...	...	1	...	...	12	15	...	27	15	1 50	...	...	...	2	2	...	J. E. Chapman
Good Hope	Scott	Lake	By Letter	1	6	...	1	...	...	12	20	...	32	10	1 00	...	...	...	2	...	...	H. Bruce
Hickory	Newton	Hickory	J. A. White, L. A. Davis	5	14	...	5	...	2	29	37	...	66	30	3 00	...	...	...	1	...	...	J. E. Brunson
Harperville	Scott	Harperville	By Letter	1	2	1	7	...	1	27	36	...	63	20	...	...	...	...	3	...	2	J. C. Foster
Lake	Scott	Lake	T. M. Gould	...	...	...	9	1	...	9	13	...	22	10	1 00	...	3 85	...	...	1	...	
Linwood	Neshoba	Sierra	J. J. Ingram	2	4	...	...	...	...	23	26	...	49	20	5 00	...	...	...	1	...	1	J. J. Ingram
Liberty	Newton	Battlefield	J. A. Scott, W. A. Butler	1	...	...	1	...	...	16	20	...	36	15	1 50	...	...	...	3	1	...	H. O. White
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	Dixon	R. W. Walton	...	...	...	12	1	...	18	28	...	46	20	2 40	...	...	...	3	...	...	J. J. Ingram
Midway	Newton	Newton	A. J. Freeman, G. F. Williams	3	...	...	...	...	...	10	21	...	31	15	1 25	...	...	...	3	...	1	A. J. Freeman
Mt. Vernon	Newton	Hickory	N. B. Hammond	1	...	...	2	...	...	24	34	...	58	15	1 50	...	...	...	2	...	...	A. J. Freeman
Mt. Pleasant	Newton	Chunky	W. S. Castles, J. M. Caldwell, W. R. Smith	6	2	1	4	...	3	27	72	1	100	35	3 50	...	...	...	2	...	1	W. P. Vaughn
New Prospect	Lauderdale	Chunky	J. S. Ball, J. W. Easterling	...	1	...	...	...	1	6	10	...	16	10	1 00	...	...	...	3	...	...	W. P. Vaughn
New Prospect	Newton	Prospect	J. R. Hardy	12	3	...	3	4	1	26	37	...	63	20	2 00	...	...	...	2	...	...	J. W. Arnold
New Hope	Neshoba	Union	J. D. Herrington, J. G. Houston	2	4	...	10	6	2	33	40	...	73	20	2 00	80	25	1 00	3	...	...	L. B. Fancher
New Hope	Scott	Lake	P. F. Gould	7	2	1	4	...	3	26	28	...	54	25	2 50	...	...	...	4	...	...	B. W. Dearing
Newton	Newton	Newton	D. P. Whatley, W. D. Still	3	5	...	7	...	3	16	31	...	47	20	2 50	...	...	...	4	...	...	N. L. Clarke
Oakland	Newton	Rainer	T. I. Wells, J. A. Brown	2	...	...	1	...	...	24	40	...	64	25	2 50	...	...	...	1	...	1	T. I. Wells
Old Union	Scott	Steele	J. M. Hutson, J. T. Bryan	2	2	...	2	...	...	11	24	...	35	20	2 25	...	...	...	...	1	1	J. M. Hutson
Pleasant Hill	Newton	Conehatta	J. M. Miller, J. R. Pace	9	2	1	12	2	2	66	118	...	184	50	5 00	...	...	...	1	...	1	J. E. Chapman
Pinkney	Newton	Stamper	J. W. Arnold, J. C. Russell	...	6	...	4	...	...	23	26	...	49	20	2 00	...	...	...	4	...	1	J. W. Arnold
Poplar Springs	Newton	Newton	W. M. Yarbrough, E. S. Edwards, W. J. Bruner	5	7	2	2	1	1	37	97	...	134	35	3 50	...	...	...	3	1	...	N. L. Clarke
Prairie Concord	Newton	Newton	N. C. Weed, W. A. Fore	1	1	...	...	3	1	11	24	...	35	15	1 50	...	...	...	2	...	...	B. W. Dearing
Pine Bluff	Newton	Newton	W. L. Robinson, S. K. Everett	1	5	1	3	1	...	16	19	...	35	20	2 00	...	...	...	1	...	...	B. W. Dearing
Pine Ridge	Newton	Lawrence	N. H. Monroe	2	9	1	1	...	1	9	13	...	22	10	1 00	...	...	...	2	...	...	J. M. Miller
Randall Hill	Jasper	Jewel Hill	J. D. McCord	8	...	...	2	3	...	15	28	1	44	16	1 00	...	...	...	4	...	1	J. E. Chapman
Rock Branch	Newton	Union	H. W. Laird, W. L. Collins	...	1	...	10	1	2	22	29	...	51	25	2 00	...	...	...	3	1	...	J. M. Moore
Salem	Scott	Forest	By Letter	4	2	1	4	1	2	7	13	...	20	15	1 50	4 75	...	...	3	...	...	J. H. Grundy
Sulphur Springs	Scott	Damascus	T. W. Petty, T. D. Anderson	15	4	...	2	...	...	23	28	3	54	25	2 50	...	...	...	3	...	...	J. W. Arnold
Sand Springs	Newton	Hickory	A. M. Smith, C. C. Bradley	...	2	...	...	...	...	6	11	...	17	12	1 00	...	...	...	1	...	...	N. L. Clarke
Sardis	Leake	Sebastopol	M. H. Easom	...	...	...	2	...	...	6	15	...	21	10	1 50	...	...	...	1	...	...	W. B. Brantley
Union	Newton	Union	J. M. Moore, D. C. Payne	1	17	1	8	4	1	31	30	...	61	25	2 50	...	...	...	1	1	2	J. M. Moore
Union	Scott	Harperville	Joe Rushing	1	1	...	...	...	...	8	23	...	31	15	2 00	...	...	...	1	1	...	J. H. Grundy
Woodland	Neshoba	Laurel Hill	A. W. W. Grafton	5	1	...	1	...	...	12	11	...	23	15	1 50	3 00	2 00	...	4	...	...	R. M. Woodruff
Total				137	142	11	168	31	37	997	1541	24	2562	939	$97 30	$ 8 55	$ 7 95	$ 2 05	...	13	21	

There is a difference between this table and the Finance Committee's report. This is made up from the letters.